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FOR: METHODS FOR SAMPLING AND
TESTING DATA CENTERS FOR
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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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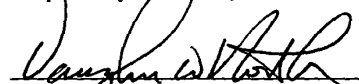
Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits these Preliminary Amendments and remarks in response to the April 11, 2003 Office Action of record in the parent application with Serial No. 09/846,620, filed 05/01/2001, from which this application continues. Enclosed herewith in support of the Preliminary Amendments is the original specification of the application for patent with Serial No. 09/846,620. Consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Preliminary Amendments and remarks.

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Respectfully submitted,


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification and claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate new text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. It is believed that no new matter is added to the following amendments to the specification and the claims as originally filed.